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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of	:	
Joan Phillips Waldron, Grace M. Scire' and	:	
Jacob Segovia	:	
Application No. 09/821,097	:	DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: March 29, 2001	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A	:	
HEARING AID COUPLING SYSTEM	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed August 7, 2001, which has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).<sup>1</sup> The petition was recently forwarded to this office for review.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Jacob Segovia, has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Please note, the Power of Attorney, submitted May 24, 2005, has not been entered because a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) was not been submitted.

This application is being forwarded to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

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<sup>1</sup> A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is inappropriate in this instance since all but one of the inventors has signed the declaration. A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is only appropriate where none of the inventors will sign, accordingly the petition will be treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3228.

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Dear JACOB SEGOVIA:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3228. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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